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Cambridgeport, May 1 — June 10, 1843.

W. L. Garrison to Phoebe Jackson, Providence.

106 "As regards my health. For a fortnight past I have been quite unwell, & do not yet feel much better. I have had a severe cold, and (what is quite rare with me) a troublesome cough. During the late sessions of the N. E. A. S. Convention, I was compelled to be almost entirely dumb, on account of hoarseness; & the trifling effort that I then made to be heard, especially in reading the 'Address to the Slaves' at the great meeting in Faneuil Hall, has since been very injurious to my lungs.

"On Tuesday last, I was examined by Dr. Warren, of Boston, in regard to the swelling in my left side, wh. has caused me so much bodily pain & uneasiness for some time past. I had previously been examined by three other physicians. Truly, 'who shall decide when doctors disagree?' No one of these agrees with another. Dr. Wesselhoeft feels certain that it is a tumor beneath the skin, under the ribs, having blood-vessels attached to it, and partaking somewhat of the nature of a polypus. Dr. Green thinks it is an enlargement of the spleen! Dr. Bowditch is confident that it is neither the one nor the other, but hesitates to say positively what it is. Dr. Warren says it is a great enlargement of the 'colon,' and of other intestinal parts connected with the stomach.

"Two persons have examined me in a clairvoyant state, and they disagree with all the doctors, and with each other! Miss Gleason (one of the two, formerly of Providence, I believe,) could not see that anything affected my left side, but said that I had been considerably troubled with my right side — a piece of intelligence which was entirely new to me! — Miss Wilkins (the other clairvoyant, who has had perfect success in her examination of numerous other persons) has examined me three times, & on each occasion has been evidently much distressed, entering fully into my pains from sympathy. She says that there is a collection of brownish matter near the heart, with small blood vessels attached to it, & that there is great danger of sudden death, either from the matter ultimately overflowing the heart, or the bursting of blood vessels. She also says that my liver is covered with small white blisters, in a state of suppuration, & that the lower parts of my lungs are withered from exhaustion, &c. This is truly a formidable description, but I am not yet able to credit the whole of it. In the course of a few days I expect to be examined by another clairvoyant, who is very remarkable in her way, and also by another physician."

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